

# MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



**Mr. John  
Tindal**

MR. TINDAL is the board's current chair and represents the Third Judicial Circuit. He is the superintendent of Clarendon School District Two. Mr. Tindal resides in Manning and holds degrees from Morris College and Winthrop University. He is a Rotarian, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and is serving as Superintendents' Division president for the South Carolina Association of School Administrators. He was named the South Carolina Rural Summit's Rural Educator of the Year in 2006.



**Mr. Al  
Simpson**

MR. SIMPSON is the board's chair-elect. He is a businessman who resides in Lancaster and represents the Sixth Judicial Circuit. He attended the University of South Carolina—Lancaster. He is a school improvement council volunteer in the Lancaster County schools, a Lancaster County Community Foundation trustee, and is current chairman of the county's Republican Party.



**Mrs. Patsy  
Pye**

MRS. PYE resides in Summerville and represents the First Judicial Circuit. She is coordinator of the Leadership Academy for Dorchester School District Two and has degrees from Charleston Southern University and The Citadel. She is active in national and state professional associations and has been a National Distinguished Principal, Palmetto Finest winner, and National School of Excellence winner.



**Ms. Virginia  
Wilson**

MS. WILSON is a teacher who resides in Denmark and represents the Second Judicial Circuit. She holds degrees from Voorhees College and South Carolina State University. She is active in professional associations for educators, was Teacher of the Year for Richard Carroll Primary School in Bamberg District One, and has been recognized for service by NuTau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



**Mr. Hampton  
Hubbard**

MR. HUBBARD resides in McColl and represents the Fourth Judicial Circuit. A graduate of St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, NC, he teaches at the School of Discovery in Clio and holds National Board certification. Mr. Hubbard is treasurer of Marlboro Players, serves on the Clio Country Club board of directors and is a member of the Palmetto State Teachers Association.



**Ms. Diane  
Sumpter**

MS. SUMPTER resides in Columbia and represents the Fifth Judicial Circuit. She is a native of Florida and a graduate of the University of South Carolina. Ms. Sumpter is active in numerous state and local business and civic affairs. She is an active member of the NAACP board, Richland School District Two Foundation and the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness.



**Ms. Libby  
Swad**

MS. SWAD is a retired teacher who lives in Gaffney and represents the Seventh Judicial Circuit. A graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College, she is current president of the Humane Society of Cherokee County and vice president of the Republican Women's Club. She's also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Spartanburg County Medical Alliance, in addition to being the founder of "A Touch of Grace."



**Mr. Charles  
McKinney**

MR. MCKINNEY is a retired teacher, assistant superintendent, and principal who represents the Eighth Judicial Circuit. A Clinton resident, he has degrees from Erskine College, Converse College, and the University of Georgia. He's been active in school volunteer and civic organizations. He retired from the S.C. Army National Guard and received the Order of the Palmetto in 1994.



**Ms. Cindy  
Clark**

MS. CLARK resides in Hanahan and represents the Ninth Judicial Circuit. A Baptist College at Charleston graduate with a Master of Science degree from Pensacola Christian College, she is a retired educator and a regional director for South Carolinians for Responsible Government. She's been active in the national, state and Berkeley County Federation of Republican Women and in the Preservation Society of Charleston. She received the Republican Women's Caucus "Woman of Achievement" award for 2006.



**Mr. Rick  
Adkins**

MR. ADKINS resides in Anderson and represents the Tenth Judicial Circuit. He graduated from T.L. Hanna High School and Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance. He is a real estate developer/investor. He's also been chairman of the Anderson County Republican Party (2003-2007) and chairman of Anderson Interfaith Ministries (2004-2007). He is married and has three children.



**Mrs. Amelia  
Herlong**

MRS. HERLONG is retired after a 39-year teaching career in both public and private schools. She represents the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Mrs. Herlong is a graduate of Newberry College with a degree in elementary education and is on the Piedmont Technical College Board of Visitors. She resides in Saluda and was a member of the Town Council there from 1998-2002. She served as Mayor of Saluda from 2002-2006.



**Mr. Trip  
DuBard**

MR. DUBARD is a businessman who resides in Florence and represents the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. He is a graduate of Duke University and Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Active in local civic organizations, Mr. DuBard is a charter member and chairman of The School Foundation, a private endowment for Florence School District 1.



**Dr. Daniel  
Varat**

DR. VARAT is a Greenville resident who represents the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. He is research director for the South Carolina Senate's Transportation Committee. He earned his doctorate at the University of Mississippi and has degrees from Louisiana State University and Furman. He is a Greenville County First Steps board member and a volunteer for Wildlife Rehabilitation of Greenville



**Mr. Benjamin  
Mitchell**

MR. MITCHELL is a retired educator who represents the five counties that compromise the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. He resides in Walterboro in Colleton County. He is a graduate of Colleton High School (1967) and Denmark Technical College (1969).



**Mr. Joe Isaac**

MR. ISAAC is a past chair of the State Board and represents the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. A retired high school administrator residing in Pawleys Island, Mr. Isaac is a graduate of Winyah High School and The Citadel, where he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. He's been a volunteer for the YMCA and for St. Michael's Catholic School, a volunteer baseball coach for Georgetown High School, and a Hospice board member.



**Dr. J. Britt  
Blackwell**

DR. BLACKWELL is a former trustee for Rock Hill School District Three who represents the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Clemson University and graduated from the School of Optometry at the University of Alabama Medical Center. He served on the S.C. Optometric Association's executive committee for three years and has been named to many national and regional Who's Who publications, including the 1993/1994 Dictionary of International Biography.



**Mrs. Kristin  
Maguire**

MRS. MAGUIRE is the governor's appointee to the board. She resides in Clemson and is a member of the S.C. Public Charter School Association's Advisory Board. She's a co-founder of South Carolina Parents Involved in Education, a grassroots organization committed to public school excellence through meaningful parental involvement.

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